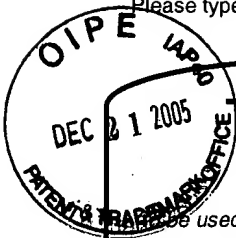


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Dear Sir:

Appellants respectfully request that the Appeal Board consider the enclosed remarks pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41, which are filed in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on October 21, 2005.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Reply Brief.

REMARKS

On pages 3 and 6 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner submits that a situation in which an input packet is not fragmented, but merely output as a sub-packet as taught by Bruckman (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0051466) allegedly corresponds to the "repeating," of claims 1 and 24. The Examiner also contends that the fragmentation of an input packet into smaller sub-packets as taught by Bruckman allegedly corresponds to the "puncturing," of claims 1 and 24. Appellants disagree.

With regard to FIG. 3 of the present application, at a transmitter, an encoder packet of, for example, 3,072 bits may be turbo-coded at 1/5 rate to produce a channel encoded encoder packet of 15,360 bits. This channel encoded encoder packet may then be punctured and/or repeated to generate multiple (e.g., 4) encoder sub-packets.

In at least one example embodiment of the present invention, puncturing comprises retaining a portion of the bits within the channel coded encoder packet to generate a channel coded encoder sub-packet. In one example, bits within the channel coded encoder packet may be punctured by retaining four out of every six bits. In other words, two out of every six bits may be dropped from the channel coded encoder packet. This example puncturing may generate a channel coded encoder sub-packet having a smaller number of bits than the channel coded encoder packet. For example, with regard to FIG. 3 of the present application, a channel coded encoder packet may include 15,360

bits. In order to generate channel coded encoder sub-packet including 13,824 bits, 1 out of every 10 bits may be dropped.

Moreover, in at least one example embodiment of the present invention, repeating comprises repeating at least a portion of the bits within the channel coded encoder packet to generate a channel coded encoder sub-packet. In one example, each bit may be repeated once to generate a channel coded encoder sub-packet having twice the number of bits as the channel coded encoder packet. For example, with regard to FIG. 3 of the present application, a channel coded encoder packet may include 15,360 bits. In order to generate channel coded encoder sub-packet including 24,576 bits, 3 out of every 5 bits may be repeated.

Puncturing and repeating may be performed separately or in combination with one another to generate a channel coded encoder sub-packet associated with a desired transmission rate.

In covering aspects of the above discussed example embodiment, claim 1, for example, recites "puncturing and/or repeating the channel coded encoder packet to produce a first encoder sub-packet."

As will be appreciated, the fragmenting of Bruckman does not constitute the "puncturing," of claims 1 and 24. To the contrary, the fragmenting of Bruckman merely **fragments or slices** an input packet into multiple smaller packets. Each fragment represents a **portion of the original packet** data, and all fragments must be received to recover the original packet data. On the other hand, as discussed above, "puncturing," includes dropping of a portion of

bits in the channel coded encoder packet to create a channel encoded encoder sub-packet.

Furthermore, the transmission of unique sub-packets collectively representing an input packet, as taught by Bruckman, is clearly not the "repeating," of claim 1, for example.

For at least this reason, Bruckman fails to teach at least, "puncturing and/or repeating," as set forth in claims 1 and 24.

CONCLUSION

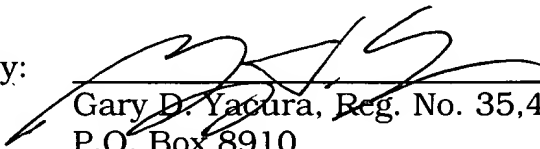
Appellants respectfully request that the Appeal Board consider the above remarks in conjunction with the remarks previously made in the Appeal Brief filed on August 10, 2005, and reverse the Examiner's anticipation and obviousness rejection of claims 1-14 and 16-24.

The Commissioner is authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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